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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
OLIVER HARNACK, ET AL. : EXAMINER: YU, MELANIE J.  
SERIAL NO: 10/631,351 :  
FILED: JULY 31, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1641  
FOR: METHOD OF ATTACHING :  
HYDROPHILIC SPECIES TO  
HYDROPHILIC MACROMOLECULES  
AND IMMOBILIZING THE  
HYDROPHILIC MACROMOLECULES  
ON A HYDROPHOBIC SURFACE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2006, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 2-20 are pending.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

A. Ford and Klein

The Office Action rejects claims 2-11, 14-18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0065242 to Ford et al. ("Ford") in view of Klein et al., "Ordered stretching of single molecules of deoxyribose nucleic acid between microfabricated polystyrene lines," Applied Physics, 78:2396-2398 (2001) ("Klein"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.